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CUBA CHARGE DENIED BY BRITON AT TRIAL

HAVANA, Sept. 22 (Reuters)

Robert Geddes, a British business man accused of offenses against Cuba, told a military tribunal today that he was "completely innocent" of the charges against him.

Mr. Geddes' trial opened today at La Cabaña fortress, where he had been held since last April's invasion attempt by forces opposed to Premier Fidel Castro. Mr. Geddes was charged, along with seventy-five persons, sixteen of them women, with forming anti-Castro groups for the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22—Havana broadcasts said today that the prosecution had requested the death penalty for

seven "chiefs of the group," who, it said, had been "illegally introduced into the country by the Central Intelligence Agency to perform acts of sabotage . . . after receiving training in Florida and the Carolinas."

Seventeen persons have already been executed this month.

The broadcast listed the seven persons for whom death penalty was asked as Pedro Ferie Cuellar, Jorge Roca Carbellanos, Roberto Hernandez Rubin, Angel Pocada Gutierrez, Braulio Contreras and Manuel Blanco Navarro.